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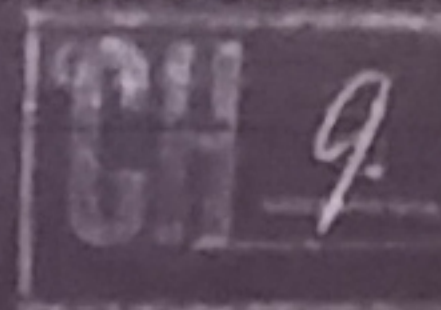
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NDEA

NON-Comm. EDUCATIONAL TV

# BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed 10-22-64 (OFFICIAL # 75)



Call letters

WVAN-TV (EFF: 1-18-63)

X WEGA-TV - 3-17-60

X WYGA-TV

Station location SAVANNAH, GEORGIA

STATION ID: Savannah-Pembroke

(12-1-67 per ltr)

Name of licensee GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

0.8 miles NNE of Pembroke, Pembroke, Georgia (BMPET-247 3-30-62)

Transmitter location 0.1 mile East of Bryan County Courthouse, Pembroke, Georgia

0.8 miles NNE of Pembroke, Pembroke, Georgia (BMPET-247 3-30-62)

Main studio location 208 Bull Street, Savannah, Georgia



# CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	ERP Power	Time Div.	Period From-- To--
BPET-78	2-17-60	CH #9	V-316 kw	U	4-17-60
AH: 1030'		186-192	A-158 kw	MSL: 1172'	10-17-60
CP FOR A NEW NON-COMM. EDUCATIONAL TV BROADCAST station.					
BMPET-231	10-12-60	same	same	same	4-17-60
MOD OF CP (BPET-78 AS MOD)				TO EXTEND COMP DT	4-17-61
BMPET-235	4-11-61	CH #9	V-316 kw	U AH:1030'	4-17-60
Mod of CP (BPET-78 as mod)		186-192	A-158kw	L.F. new call	10-11-61
BMPET-241	9-25-61	same	same	same	4-17-60
Mod. of CP (BPET-78, as mod)				to extend completion dt	4-11-62
BMPET-249	3-29-62	same	same	same	4-17-60
Mod. CP (BPET-78, as mod)				to extend completion date	10-11-62
BMPET-247	3-30-62	CH #9	V-316 kw	U	COND. 4-17-60
AH: 1040'		186-192	A-158 kw	MSL: 1181'	10-11-62
Mod. CP (BPET-78, as mod) chg.				in antenna system, AH, TL, SL,	
BMPET-257	10-11-62	same	same	same	4-17-60
Mod. of CP (BPET-78 as modified to extend completion date to 3-11-63					3-11-63
BMPET-258	11-26-62	CH. 9	V-316 kw	U	4-17-60
AH: 1050'		MSL: 1181'	186-192	A-158 kw	5-26-63
MOD. CP (BPET-78, as mod)				to change make of trans. anten. AH.	
BMPET-269	5-24-63	CH. 9	V-316 kw	U MSL: 1181'	4-17-60
Mod. CP (BPET-78, as mod)		186-192	A-158 kw	AH: 1050'	10-1-63
WIRE	9-16-63	RE TENDERED LIC. APPLICATION, AUTH. GR. OPERATE STATION WVAN-TV ON PROGRAM TEST ACCORD. CP BMPET-269 AND SECTION 3.620 RULES. ADVISE			
BLET-S5	10-22-64	CH. #9	V-316kw	U	10-22-64
AH: 1050'		MSL: 1181'	186-192	A-158kw	4-1-67
License to cover		CP (BPET-78, as mod.)			
BMLET-32	11-2-65	same	same	same	11-2-65
Mod. of Lic. to reduce Aural ERP			A-34.7 kw		4-1-67
COMM. LETTER ADOPTED 3-1-67: GRANTED WAIVER SECTION 73.651 (c) OF RULES to accompany visual transmission of slides with aural transmission of music during scheduled breaks in its in-school programming schedule; FOR PERIOD OF ONE YEAR.					



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Card # 2

NON-COMM. ED. TV.

## BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed ...See Card # 1...

Call letters ...WVAN-TV...

Station location ...Savannah, Georgia...

Name of licensee ...GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION...

Transmitter location ...See Card # 1...

Main studio location ...See Card # 1...



# CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From- To
BRET-75	3-29-67	CH-9	V-316 kw	U	4-1-67
AH: 1050'	MSL:1181'	186-192	A-34.7 kw		4-1-70
RENEWAL OF LICENSE					
-----3-22-67-----Renewal of NDEA-----					
Letter by Comm. 3-8-68 Granted Waiver of Sec. 73.651 (c) for period ending 4-1-70 re in school programming					
BRET-75	4-1-70	RENEWAL OF LIC.		(s)	4-1-73
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EBSA	5-15-72				
LTR.	4-2-73	Sect. 73.651(c) waived thru 4-1-76			
Wire	3-30-73	Pending Comm. act. on req. for 1 yr ext'n of VIDAC exp. auth., auth. gtd. cont. ope temp. per. end. 5-31-73 accord. Comm. orig. ltr. of auth.			
BRET-75	3-30-73	RENEWAL OF LICENSE		(s)	4-1-76
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LTR. 6-13-73	AUTH. to conduct technical experimentation per sect. 73.666 ending 7-31-74				
BRET-75	11-30-78	Ch-9	V-316kW	Unl.	11-30-78
AH:1050'	MSL:1181'	186-192	A-34.7kW		4-1-79
Renewal of License.					
BRET 781201 LM	3-30-79	RENEWAL OF LICENSE			4-1-82



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 NON-COMM. TV  
 Call WEGA-TV 3-17-60  
 Letters NEW-WEGA-TV

 Name GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
 (% Mrs. Mary E. Grubbs, Rm. 219, State Office Bldg., Atlanta, Ga.)

Sta. Loc: File No.	Savannah, Ga. Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BPET-78	9-15-58	CP for a new Non-Commercial TV b/c station	GRANTED	2-17-60.
Recd	9-16-58	Freq: Ch # 9, 186-192 Mcs.	Condition: that the permittee accepts any electrical interference which may result fr. the operation of a TV broadcast station operating on CH 9, at Columbus, Ga., with the transmitter & antenna located in the vicinity of Cusseta, Ga., at a distance of approx. 185.6 or more miles from the transmitter site herein specified.	
Filed	9-16-58	ERP: Vis. 316 kw Aur. 158 kw		
		Hours of operation: Unlimited		
		S-L: 208 Bull St., Savannah, Georgia		
		T-L: 0.1 mile East of Bryan County Court-house, Pembroke, Georgia		
		Sta. Loc: Savannah, Georgia (RCA TT-25-BH) (1033')		
		Filed by Seymour Krieger, Atty A. Earl Cullum, Jr. Engr.		
Petition for Waiver of Section 3.610 of the Commission's Rules (3 copies) filed 4-29-59 by attorney Seymour Krieger (not on press)				
Amended	5-27-59	Amended to change Board member and Chairman of Board		
Recd & Filed	5-28-59			
WITHDRAWAL OF PETITION FOR WAIVER OF SECTION 3.610 OF THE COMMISSION'S RULES filed 2-2-60 by Krieger for applicant				
REINSTATEMENT OF REQUEST FOR WAIVER filed 2-16-60 by Krieger for applicant				



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## APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING NON-COMM. ED TV

Call

Letters WEGA-TV

Name GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
Savannah, Georgia

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
EMPET-231 Recd.&Filed	10-4-60 10-5-60	Mod. of CP (BPET-78, which authorized a new Non-Comm. Educational TV Broadcast station) to extend completion from 10-17-60 to 4-17-61. Filed by Norman E. Jorgensen, atty.	GRANTED	10-12-60
BMPET-235 Recd.&Filed	3-29-61 4-3-61	Mod. of CP (BPET-78, as mod., which authorized a new Non-Comm. ED. TV B/C Station) to extend completion date from 4-17-61 to 12-31-61. Norman E. Jorgensen, Atty.	GRANTED	4-11-61
BMPET-241 Recd.&Filed	9-6-61 9-11-61	Mod. of CP (BPET-78, as mod., which authorized a new Non-Comm. ED TV B/C Station) to extend completion date from 10-11-61 to 6-11-62, Gene A. Bechtel, Atty.	GRANTED	9-25-61
BMPET-249 Recd.&Filed	3-5-62 3-8-62	Mod. of CP (BPET-78, as mod., which authorized a new Non-Comm. ED TV B/C Station) to extend completion date from 4-11-62 to _____. Harry M. Plotkin, Atty.	GRANTED	3-29-62



CARD #3  
FORM BC-121  
AUG. 1955

# APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Non-Comm Ed. TV

Call WVAN-TV 1-18-63  
Letters WEGA-TV

Name GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
Savannah, Georgia

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BMPET-247 R & F	2-9-62	Mod of construction permit (BPET-78 as mod., which authorized a new Non-Comm Ed. TV B/C station) to make changes in the antenna system, equipment and antenna height above average terrain to 1042'. Change transmitter location from 0.1 mile East of Bryan County Courthouse, Pembroke, Georgia to 0.8 mile NNE of Pembroke, Georgia and Studio location from 208 Bull St., Savannah, Georgia to 0.8 mile NNE of Pembroke, Georgia, and request for waiver of Section 3.613 of the Commission's Rules. Filed by Harry M. Plotkin, Atty. A. Earl Cullum, Jr. PO Box 7004, Dallas, 9, Texas, Engr.	GRANTED	3-30-62
	2-15-62		Condition: that permittee accepts any elec. interference which may result from oper. of a TV station on Ch. 9 with transmitter & ant. located in vicinity of Cusseta, Ga. at distance of approx. 185.6 or more miles from site herein specified.	
BMPET-257	9-7-62	Mod. of CP (BPET-78, as mod., which authorized a new Non-Comm. ED TV B/C Station) to extend completion date from 10-11-62 to 3-11-63. Thomas Schattenfield, ATTY.	GRANTED	10-11-62
Recd. & Filed	9-10-62			



Card #4  
FORM BC-121  
AUG. 1955

# APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Non-Comm. ED TV

Call WVAN-TV (1-18-63)  
Letters <sup>X</sup> WEGA-TV

Name ..... GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
Savannah, Georgia

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BMPET-258 Rec.& filed	10-8-62 10-10-62	Mod. of CP (BPET-78, as mod., which authorized a new Non-Commercial Ed. TV B/C station) to change make of transmitter to GE, TT-46A; make of antenna to GE, 4TY-53-A2; make changes in antenna system and antenna height above average terrain to 1050 ft. (Gene A. Bechtel, Atty)	GRANTED Same Condition as before	11-26-62
BMPET-269 Recd.&Filed	4-24-63 4-26-63	Mod. of CP (BPET-78, as mod., which authorized a new Non-Comm. ED TV B/C Station) to extend completion date from 5-26-63 to 10-1-63 Thomas Schattenfield, Atty.	GRANTED	5-24-63
BLET-85 Recd.&Filed	9-10-63 9-12-63	License to cover CP (BPET-78, as mod.) which authorized a new Non-Commercial ED. TV B/C Station. Thomas Schattenfield, Atty. A. Earl Cullum, Jr. Engr. (Dallas, Texas)	GRANTED	10-22-64



CARD 45

FORM BC-121

AUG. 1955

## APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

NON-COMM. ED TV

Call  
Letters WVAN-TVName GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
CH. 9 Savannah, Georgia

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BMLET-32 Recd. & Filed	10-13-65 10-19-65	Mod. of license to reduce Aural ERP from 158 kw to 34.4 kw; and change type of Aural transmitter to G. E. TT-32B. Arent, Fox, Kintner, Plotkin & Kahn, Atty.	GRANTED	11-2-65
BRET-75 R & F	12-2-66 12-30-66	RENEWAL OF LICENSE Gene A. Bechtel, Atty. (same firm as above)	GRANTED	3-29-67
Ltr.	11-2-67	REQUEST WAIVER OF SECTION 73.652 of the Commission's Rules to permit WVAN-TV to identify itself of Savannah-Pembroke.	GRANTED	12-1-67
BRET-75 R & F PN Recd. PRESS	12-1-69 12-9-69 12-23-69 JAN 10 1970	RENEWAL OF LICENSE	GRANTED	4-1-70
BRET-75 R & F PN REC PRESS	12-15-72 12-22-72 JAN 9 1973 JAN 5 1973	RENEWAL OF LICENSE Gene A. Bechtel (Arent, Fox, Kintner & Plotkin)	GRANTED	3-30-73



CARD #5

FORM BC-121

AUG. 1955

## APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

NON-COMM. ED TV

Call  
Letters WVAN-TVName GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
CH. 9 Savannah, Georgia

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BMLET-32 Recd. & Filed	10-13-65 10-19-65	Mod. of license to reduce Aural ERP from 158 kw to 34.4 kw; and change type of Aural transmitter to G. E. TT-32B. Arent, Fox, Kintner, Plotkin & Kahn, Atty.	GRANTED	11-2-65
BRET-75 R & F	12-2-66 12-30-66	RENEWAL OF LICENSE Gene A. Bechtel Atty. (same firm as above)	GRANTED	3-29-67
Ltr.	11-2-67	REQUEST WAIVER OF SECTION 73.652 of the Commission's Rules to permit WVAN-TV to identify itself of Savannah-Pembroke.	GRANTED	12-1-67
BRET-75 R & F PN Recd. PRESS	12-1-69 12-9-69 12-23-69 JAN 20 1970	RENEWAL OF LICENSE	GRANTED	4-1-70
BRET-75 R & F PN REC PRESS	12-15-72 12-22-72 JAN 9 1973 JAN 5 1973	RENEWAL OF LICENSE Gene A. Bechtel (Arent, Fox, Kintner & Plotkin)	GRANTED	3-30-73



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September 1969

## APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call  
Letters .....  
WVAN-TVName .....  
GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

CH-9 Savannah, Georgia

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BRET-75 R & F PN Rec'd: PRESS:	11-14-75 12-1-75 12-1-75 3 FEB 1976	RENEWAL OF LICENSE Contours Filed 12-18-75. Atty: Theodore D. Frank (Arent, Fox, Kintner, Plotkin & Kahn) Amended 6-3-77 re EEO Amended 7-26-77 re EEO Amended 10-5-77 re EEO	GRANTED COMMISSION ACTION (Continue interference condition)	11-30-78
MEMORANDUM released 1-11-79 - continued suit in federal court; and subject to the further condition that licensee immediately shall notify the Commission of the final disposition of that proceeding. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, That the Secretary of the Commission shall send, by Certified Mail - Return Receipt Requested, a copy of this Memorandum Opinion and Order to each of the parties to this proceeding. *The grant of this license renewal application shall be without prejudice to the outcome of the pending inquiry and rulemaking proceeding in Docket No. 78-165, wherein the Commission is considering the application of multiple ownership limitations to noncommercial educational licensees. See In the Matter of Amendment <del>6000</del> of the Commission's Multiple Ownership Rules to include Educational FM and TV Stations, 43 Fed. Reg. 31047 (1978).				



BRET-75

PETITION TO DENY LICENSE APPLICATION filed 3-1-76 by the Savannah National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

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MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO REPLY TO PETITION TO DENY RENEWAL APPLICATION filed 3-30-76 by Theodore D. Frank and Ronald A. Cass on behalf of WVAN-TV.

OPPOSITION TO PETITION TO DENY APPLICATION FOR RENEWAL OF LICENSE filed 5-7-76 by Harry M. Plotkin, Esquire, on behalf of Georgia State Board of Education.

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CONSENT MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE REPLY TO OPPOSITION TO PETITION TO DENY filed 5-27-76 by Frank W. Lloyd on behalf of The Savannah NAACP.

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CONSENT MOTION FOR FUTURE EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE REPLY TO OPPOSITION TO PETITION TO DENY filed 6-9-76 by Frank Lloyd on behalf of The Savannah NAACP.

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CONSENT MOTION FOR ONE WEEK EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE REPLY TO OPPOSITION TO PETITION TO DENY filed 6-30-76 on behalf of The Savannah NAACP.

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REPLY TO OPPOSITION TO PETITION TO DENY APPLICATION FOR RENEWAL OF LICENSE filed 7-8-76 by Edward R. Downs, Jr. on behalf of NAACP (Savannah)

MEMORANDUM OPINION AND ORDER adopted 11-30-78, released 1-11-79 FCC 78-834 4540: Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED, That the petition to deny the license renewal application of WVAN-TV, filed March 1, 1976 by the Savannah Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, IS DENIED. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, That the license renewal application for Station WVAN-TV, Savannah-Pembroke, Georgia, IS GRANTED\* subject to the following condition: That the aforementioned renewal grant is conditioned on and without prejudice to whatever action, if any, the Commission shall deem appropriate upon final disposition of the employment discrimination complaint filed by Ms. Paula Whatley (Matabane)(formerly EEOC Charge No. TAT5-0649) who is presently awaiting authorization from the U.S. Department of Justice to file

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# APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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Call  
Letters WVAN-TV

Name GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
CH-9 Savannah, Georgia

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BRET-781201LM R&F PN REC'D PRESS	12-1-78 12-1-78  '79 03 27	RENEWAL OF LICENSE THEODORE D. FRANK, ATTY.	<sup>g</sup> GRANTED	<del>3-30-79</del> 3-30-79
BALCT810924KP		assignment	gr.	11-17-81



MEMORANDUM OPINION AND ORDER adopted 3-21-79, released 3-30-79 FCC 79-184 5525: Therefore, in accordance with Sections 1.106(d) and (j) of the Commission's rules, IT IS ORDERED, That the "motion for reconsideration" filed February 5, 1979 by the Savannah Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People IS DENIED.

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OPPOSITION TO MOTION FOR RECONSIDERATION 2-21-79 by Theodore D. Frank for  
Georgia State Board of Education



## About the History Cards ...

History Cards were first used by the Department of Commerce to keep track of applications filed by, and changes to, the earliest AM broadcast radio stations in the early 1920s. The records were subsequently transferred to the Federal Radio Commission in 1927, and after that to the Federal Communications Commission when that agency was created in 1934. These cards gradually grew into a large card file.

TV History Cards were initiated in the early 1940s, with the authorization of the earliest TV stations. History Cards remained in use until the creation of the first computerized database in 1980 to track broadcast applications, the Broadcast Application Processing System (BAPS). However, the Commission did not transfer the data from the History Cards to the new system. Instead, it retained the History Cards in their original form for reference.

In 1999, the Commission moved to a new location (445 12<sup>th</sup> Street SW), and also at that time created the successor database to BAPS, the Consolidated DataBase System (CDBS). Prior to that move, the History Cards were transferred to microfiche by a contractor (only a few sets of microfiche exist), and the original paper cards were destroyed. The History Cards were stored on the microfiche as negative images, like those you see above.

History Cards contain very brief entries and notes about station facilities, applications, and ownership. They are not, and never were intended to be, a comprehensive record of a station's operations. Nevertheless, they can be useful to help determine, for example, when a station first went on the air and its call letters at that time. History Card comments were generally typed onto the cards, and thus some records will show more faintly or with more smudging than others, depending on the quality of typewriter and ribbon then used. Occasional handwritten comments, corrections, and strikeouts may also be found. Cards may be incomplete, missing, or occasionally out of sequence.

The History Cards are presented here as they were copied to microfiche, to preserve this record for public use, and with the hope that they will be of value to future researchers of television station history.

